





**THE BRITISH COLONIST.**  
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**TO ADVERTISERS.**  
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**TO AGENTS.**  
Settlements of accounts will be required monthly or quarterly, and the supply of papers will be discontinued. The daily and weekly issues will be furnished at the lowest rates and no exception will be made to this rule.

**Legislation not according to Law.**  
The Customs Declaratory Ordinance which we publish this morning is yet one more instance of what a Government will condescend to do under the pressure of necessity. Notwithstanding its constant and open profession of a desire to govern equitably and in accordance with the popular wishes, it is more than humiliating to see the plant forces of the Executive deliberately propose, with a predetermined purpose, to carry it, an Act which they cannot but admit to be illegal, and which they can only justify at all on the plea of expediency and want of means. If the circumstances of the United Colony are at so low an ebb as to render such political dishonesty imperative for the preservation of the public credit, the sooner such a state of rottenness is exposed and purified, the better chance for future revival. The Colonies have been drifting into this state of financial distress for the past two years, and the members of the Executive, secure of their annual stipends, and apparently caring for nothing but that, were blind to their danger and heedless of warning. Now that it is too late, they are ready for any measure, even, as in this instance, to legalize illegality, by a drilled Government majority, with which they can laugh to scorn the claims of justice and trample down the rights of the people. The Exchequer must, indeed, be in dire distress, when a British Government can stoop so low to pick up dirty money. But if the case be so urgent as to call for so odious a remedy, surely it had been better if it had been vigorously grappled with—if, as we pointed out a few days since, the true state of the Colonies had been clearly comprehended; if the petty local interests of New Westminster had been at once and for ever discarded, and the larger and more important interests of Victoria had been fostered and recognized, His Excellency would have had a contented and reviving population to uphold his policy and to support him financially, instead of, as now, a whole community whose confidence, and we may almost say, loyalty, are shaken to their foundations by acts of injustice and neglect probably unparalleled in the history of British Colonies. If some change be not speedily made it will be found that the only supporters left to the Government will be the handful of officials whose interested councils have been so detrimental to the well being of the whole Colony, and probably their fervor and loyalty will steadily diminish in proportion with the decrease of revenue, till it dies away altogether when there are no more funds for their support. We shall have much more to say on this subject when those curious, and we fear, formidable documents, the Estimates, are made public. The press is now really the only means by which our rights can be declared and protected. The Government, secure of a packed majority, listens indifferently to the voice of the elected members, and laughs in its sleeve as the young gentleman from Downing Street pulls the string and the puppets wag or nod their heads with mechanical exactitude. This state of things may be amusing for a time, but it is too good to last long. It is but proper that His Excellency should know that a very strong under current of indignant dissatisfaction is quietly but steadily setting in, and that it will, require no small amount of statesmanship to stem and turn it back. It is to his own clear judgment and prompt individual action that we must look for this, and not to the advice of official bangers-on or to the gold-lace and foolscap of Downing street.

**THE DOUBLE DUTY INQUIRY.**

A Bill entitled An Ordinance to declare the application of the existing Laws of Customs, WHEREAS by "The British Columbia Act, 1866," it was among other things enacted that after and notwithstanding the Union of the heretofore separate Colony of Vancouver Island with British Columbia, the Laws in force in the said separate Colonies, respectively at the time of the Union taking effect should, until it was otherwise provided by lawful authority, remain in force as if the said Act had not been passed or proclaimed; save only that the Laws relative to the Revenue of Customs in force in British Columbia at the time of the Union taking effect should, until it was otherwise provided, extend and apply to Vancouver Island; AND, WHEREAS, it is expedient to remove all doubts as to the application of the existing Customs Laws of British Columbia to the Collection of Customs Duties in respect of Goods, Wares, Merchandise, and Commodities, imported into the Colony of British Columbia since the said Union, from that portion of it heretofore known as the Colony of Vancouver Island, such Goods not having as yet paid Customs Duties, and to declare the Law thereon; Be it enacted by the Governor of the Colony of British Columbia, in and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows: I. All and every the Customs Laws now in force in British Columbia shall be deemed to have been extended and applied, and shall be held to extend and apply to the case of Goods, Wares, Merchandise, and Commodities so imported or to be imported into all or any Port or Place in British Columbia, as well from all Ports or Places without the Colony of British Columbia, as from all Ports or Places of that portion of it heretofore known as Vancouver Island and its Dependencies, and all such Goods, Wares, Merchandise, and Commodities so imported or to be imported as aforesaid shall be held to have been and to be liable to the payment of British Columbia Customs Duties, except as hereinafter next mentioned.

II. Provided, however, that the said Customs Laws, and the Collection of Duties in respect thereof, shall not extend or apply to Goods, Wares, Merchandise, and Commodities which have already paid British Columbia Customs Duties in any part of the former Colony of Vancouver Island and its Dependencies since the said Union. III. All questions of fact arising as to whether any Goods, Wares, Merchandise, and Commodities have already paid British Columbia Customs Duties in any part of the former Colony of Vancouver Island and its Dependencies since the said Union, shall be referred to the decision of the Principal Officer of Customs of the Colony of British Columbia, whose judgment therein shall be final, subject only to the authority of the Governor for the time being to order a return of duties, as to him shall seem fit. IV. All Evasions and Offences committed by any person or persons to defraud the Payment of Duties, hereby declared to be and to have been made payable in respect of Goods, Wares, Merchandise or Commodities imported into any Port or Place in British Columbia from any Port or Place in the former Colony of Vancouver Island and its Dependencies, shall be prosecuted and punished with all and singular the same forfeitures as in the case of the Evasions or Offences committed by any person or persons to defraud the Payment of Duties payable in respect of Goods, Wares, Merchandise or Commodities imported into any Port or Place in British Columbia. V. Provided that this Ordinance shall continue in force until the 1st June next ensuing, and no longer, and further that the Governor shall, by Proclamation to that effect published in the Government Gazette at any time within the above mentioned period, declare that the application of the Customs Laws of British Columbia, to goods, wares and merchandise imported previous to the Union into Vancouver Island, and thence subsequently imported into any port or place in the mainland of British Columbia or the Islands thereto adjacent, from any port or place in that portion of British Columbia heretofore known as the Colony of Vancouver Island and its Dependencies, and which have not paid British Columbia Customs dues, shall cease, and thereupon such dues shall not be leviable or collected upon such goods from the date of such Proclamation. VI. This Ordinance shall be cited as the "Customs Declaratory Ordinance, 1867."

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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.**

[Specially Reported for the British Colonist.]

**Monday's Sitting.**  
(Continued.)

Message No. 1 from Governor read, stating that in another Colony with which he was connected it was decided that the House of Assembly was to be constituted as at right to be put in possession of the Royal Instructions, in compliance with the wishes of the Council, copy of portions required by the resolutions were enclosed. Ordered printed. Message No. 2, enclosing the following statement of the Auditor General on the Public Accounts of Vancouver Island and asking whether it was the wish of the Council that the books should be examined or closed up to 19th November. The Auditor General to the Private Secretary. Audit Office, Dec. 14, 1866. Sir,—I have the honor to report for the information of His Excellency the Governor that in accordance with instructions I have made enquiry as to the position of the Public Accounts of Vancouver Island at the present date, and I have to state the result of my investigation as follows: 1.—The Treasurer's Cash Book for 1865 has been examined by the Auditor, and the abstracts completed. The posting of the entries into the ledger has not been finished, nor the annual account current made out. 2.—The audit of the accounts of the Crown Fund has been completed for 1865. 3.—The Collector's cash books, viz: The Harbor Master's, Post Office, Land Office, Police Court, Supreme Court, and Nanaimo Agent are yet to be examined for 1865. 4.—The Treasurer's cash book for 1866 has been examined to the end of July, a large proportion of the payment vouchers from July to the present date have been examined, and the receipt vouchers for August and September. 5.—The Treasurer's books are not posted for 1866. 6.—All the Collector's books for 1866 have yet to be examined. 7.—The Crown Fund Account has not been audited for 1866. I have, &c., ROBERT KER, Auditor General.

The Auditor General to the Colonial Secretary. To complete the examination of all the Vancouver Island accounts so that I could certify the Account Current, and furnish the usual Statements required, it would take five or six months' industrious work, at a cost—say at the rate last voted for auditing by the House of Assembly, \$100 per month—of \$500 to \$600. To finish the auditing of the Treasurer's cash book entries for October—generally the largest month in the whole year—it might take six weeks to two months, at the present as above—\$150 or \$200. I have, &c., ROBERT KER, (Signed) 26th January, 1867. Ordered printed, and to be considered in Committee of the Whole. HEAD MONEY—TUNNAGE DUES. Hon Helmecken asked whether it was the intention of the Government to repeal the head money? Hon members had even been charged on attending Council, and it was to use to ask that it be refunded as the money had no doubt gone long ago [laughter]. It was an unfair tax and ought to be repealed. Hon President said it was the intention of Government to repeal the head money and tonnage dues. They were both unfair taxes [hear, hear]. COASTING TRADE. Hon Helmecken asked whether Government intended to amend the law relating to the coasting trade? It was the most important of our industrial pursuits, and the sooner it was confined to British subjects and ships the better; protection was absolutely necessary for the prosperity of the Colony. Competition was not the soul of trade in this instance; it was unfair with the larger facilities possessed by our neighbors. Hon President said the question as to foreign bottoms was not settled, and would probably be left to the House. It was, however, the intention of Government to introduce a licensing system that would apply to the interior and the coast.

TRADE LICENCES. Hon Helmecken would ask leave to introduce a bill to repeal the Trade Licences Act of Vancouver Island, which was totally unfit for present circumstances: but if any hon member would say that it was the intention of Government to repeal it he was satisfied. Hon President admitted that the tax was unjust, and it was the intention of Government to introduce a bill in regard to the assimilation of licences. The Act would then be repealed [hear, hear]. STANDING ORDERS. On motion, the Standing Orders were amended to obviate the necessity of obtaining leave to give notice of motion. Hon Robson obtained leave to move the repeal of the clause restricting the admission of strangers to the Council. INDEMNITY BILL. On motion of Hon Crease, the Indemnity Ordinance, 1867, passed second reading, and Council went into Committee of the Whole, Hon Sanders in the chair, and Ordinance was reported complete. COUNCIL ADJOURNED TILL THURSDAY. VICTORIA INCORPORATION BILL. On motion of Hon Macdonald, the Ordinance rendering a certain By-law operative passed second reading and through Committee, and was reported complete. Council adjourned till Tuesday. Tuesday's Sitting. Council met at 3 p.m. Present: Hon Birch (President), Crease, Wood, Hamly, Brew, Ball, Macdonald, Helmecken, DeCosmos Stamp, Pemberton, Cox and Frutch. NOTICES OF MOTION. Hon Smith to move on Thursday that the House consider propriety of abolishing the road tolls and tonnage dues, and of increasing the tariff so as to make up the deficiency in revenue. Also on Friday that a sum of \$15,000 be placed on the Estimates for opening trails on the Columbia, the most important being from the mouth of Gold Creek to Boat Encampment. ASSIMILATION OF LAWS BILL. Hon Wood moved the second reading of this bill. Hon Crease, in reply to questions from the popular members, said that the bill did not include all the laws that were intended to be applied, but such only as would receive early legislation. The Government intended to introduce other Assimilation Bills when the machinery could be made to dovetail. It was also intended to extend some of the Vancouver acts to the mainland. Hon Robson considered the Homestead and Free school laws of the Island should be applied to the mainland. [Hear, hear.] Hon President said this was the only Schedule bill that would be presented to the House. There would be other bills making certain of the laws of the Island and mainland applicable to both. There was the bankruptcy law for instance that must be assimilated, the legal profession, taxation &c, they would be separately dealt with. The Bill passed second reading in Committee on Wednesday. RETURNS. Hon Robson moved a resolution asking the Governor for returns, showing amount of revenue derived from Tonnage Dues and Road Tolls during 1866, and amount expended in keeping roads in repair. Which was agreed to. Hon Pemberton moved an address to the Governor asking for returns of income and expenditure of the Assay office for the past year, which was agreed to. Hon Crease introduced the "Officers Enabling Ordinance," confirming certain acts done by public officers in Vancouver Island since Union. He would explain its purport at the second reading. Bill passed first reading. Hon Helmecken moved an address to the Governor praying that he will be pleased to remit the Harbor Dues and Clearance Fees upon all vessels coasting between Vancouver Island and the mainland, until a bill be passed regulating the same. The motion expressed all he had to say. It must be quite clear to every member of the House that all restrictions of that nature should be done away with. Hon gentlemen had spoken of a bill that would meet the case, but in his legislative experience he had known a long time to elapse between the introduction and passing of a bill. The steamer Enterprise only came to New Westminster once a week in consequence of having to pay some \$50 or \$70 port charges; were those dues removed, she would no doubt come oftener, and if they continued he had heard that she would not come so often, as she is running at a loss. Now he for one had no wish to be shut up in New Westminster for a fortnight or more. The Governor had remitted these dues on certain occasions without authority; this gave him the authority to do so. Hon Robson seconded, believing it a great hardship, and the address was agreed to. CONCISENESS BILL. This bill, on motion of Hon Wood, passed second reading, was considered in Committee of the whole, Hon Brew in the chair, and reported complete. HOMESTEAD LAW. Standing orders were suspended to enable the Hon Robson to give notice of a Homestead Bill. VANCOURIA PUBLIC ACCOUNTS. House went into Committee of the Whole on the Governor's Message, Number 2, enclosing Auditor's statement of the position of the Public Accounts of the late Colony of Vancouver Island. Hon Robson suggested that instead of any money being applied to auditing and completing the accounts, the books, &c., be sealed and locked up or thrown in the fire. It was certain that there was no revenue to come. Hon Young spoke in explanation of the public accounts, and moved that the Governor be requested to apply a sum of \$200 to complete the audit of the accounts of 1866, which, after some discussion and two or three amendments, passed. LEGAL PROFESSIONS BILL. Hon Helmecken asked leave to introduce a bill to remove doubts as to rights of the legal profession and article clerks of Vancouver Island in British Columbia. Hon Crease and Hon Walkem said it was in contemplation to introduce a measure embracing a much wider principle. The latter gentleman regarded the bill as urgent. Hon President suggested that the bill pass first reading and the second reading be named on a special day. In the meantime the hon and learned gentlemen might be prepared with the bill. Hon Crease said it was a grave matter requiring careful consideration and could not be done hurriedly. The bill passed first reading, second reading to be deferred. The Imports Indemnity Ordinance for not enforcing certain Vancouver laws was read a third time and passed: also the Incorporation Act Bill. Council adjourned till Wednesday at 3 p.m. Wednesday's Sitting. Council met at 3 p.m. Present: Hon Birch (President), Crease, Wood, Brew, Ball, Smith, Robson, Young, Macdonald, Helmecken, DeCosmos, Pemberton, Cox, Sanders, O'Reilly, Frutch. NEW MEMBER. Mr F. J. Barnard having been introduced by Hon. Mr Sanders as member elect for Yale, took the oath and his seat.

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He alluded to the unanimity of feeling that prevailed in regard to the abolition of these taxes even in Victoria. The abolition was defeated last year through the obnoxious manner in which it was proposed to be done by the substitution of another tax. He expected the hon. members from Victoria would support the motion. Hon Young suggested the postponement of the motion until the returns had been received, and on motion of the Hon. Helmecken the debate was postponed until Thursday next. METCHOON AND SAANICH ROADS. Hon Pemberton moved an address to the Governor praying that \$10,000 be placed on the Estimates for completing the Metchoon road, and \$20,000 for completing the Saanich road. The hon. member explained the necessity for this expenditure and the valuable farming lands that they would throw open. The Hon. President would not dispute the advantages of the outlay but was opposed to the House passing resolutions of this nature in the face of the present condition of affairs. The best course for the hon. gentlemen was to obtain petitions from their constituents or to confer personally with the Governor, but not to ask the House to commit itself by recommending the Governor to recommend the Estimates with \$50,000 without knowing where the money was to come from. When they first came to the Colony the Council had voted between two and three hundred thousand pounds, and the revenue only amounted to ninety-eight. After some remarks from the Hon. DeCosmos, Robson, Trutch, Young and Helmecken, the motion was withdrawn. ACQUISITION OF LAND. Hon Pemberton obtained leave to introduce a bill regulating the acquisition of land in British Columbia which, after some discussion on the advisability of amending the local law so as to offer great inducements for immigration and settlement, passed first reading; second reading postponed till Friday. Council adjourned till Friday. Contd. To-morrow. Municipal Council. Monday, Feb. 11. The Council met at 7 p.m. The Mayor and the following Councillors were present: Gowen, Lewis, Layzell, Gibbs, Trahey and Hebbard. DEFECTIVE SIDEWALKS. Messrs Boland & Elen called attention to a dangerous portion of sidewalk on Langley street, opposite late Telegraph Office. Referred to Committee on sidewalks. Councillor Layzell also called attention to numerous similar cases, and it was resolved to punish all delinquents in such matters. Communication from Mr Allison was read complaining of a sidewalk fronting on property of Mr L. Wolff, which was in a dangerous condition. Resolved that Mr Wolff be notified of the same. PUBLICATION OF BY-LAWS. Mr Layzell reported in reference to the publication of By-law for raising a Municipal revenue, that arrangements were effected for the publishing, and for the printing of the necessary forms at the Colonist and Chronicle office. Adopted. ASSESSMENT ROLL. Communication from Mr Colonial Secretary Birch was read authorizing Mr Treasurer Watson to allow the Town Clerk to copy the Real Estate Assessment Roll for municipal purposes. Filed. In reply to Mr Trahey His Worship informed the Council that the Act, lately passed, would save for one year to the By-law for the purpose of raising a municipal revenue for Victoria city. The Mayor also stated that it was the intention to amend in Council, this session, the Victoria Incorporation Act of '62. Council then adjourned till Monday next.

**By Electric Telegraph**  
SPECIAL TO THE DAILY BRITISH COLONIST  
**LAST NIGHT'S DESPATCHES.**  
**Legislative Proceedings.**  
NEW WESTMINSTER, Feb. 11.—Council had a short session to-day. Chief topic was Robson's motion urging the desirability of defining and reducing the Indian Reserves to the actual wants of natives and throwing the residue open to settlement. Motion opposed by the President, Chief Commissioner and others on the ground of expense and not being urgent. Motion amended so as to embrace reservations on the Lower Fraser only and carried.  
Oaths and Evidence Bill passed through Committee. Judge Cox made his maiden speech on the difficulty of extracting truth from Chinamen. He said he had sworn them in every form, from pieces of burnt paper to smashing plates; he had even gone so far as to break a dish, but to no purpose, and he was convinced that the only mode by which truth could be extracted from the recalcitrant was by breaking a dish on his head instead of on the floor. The speech brought down the house.  
Select Committee reported the following bills prepared: Vending Liquor to Indians; relating to Sheriffs; declaring the application of English laws; and Interest Ordinance, which passed first readings.  
**Eastern States.**  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—F. W. Seward has returned from his second mission. It is believed we have purchased the island of Saint Thomas.  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—A battle was fought at Jalapa, in which the French were victorious.  
Miramon and Reja were marching on San Luis Potosi with seven thousand men. The Emperor had ordered them to attack the Liberals; if victorious, it was his intention to order an election, and if the people declared for the Emperor, to stay, but if for Juarez to leave.  
**Europe.**  
A new Atlantic Telegraph Co. is now organized, with the intention of laying a cable by way of the Azores to Halifax.  
PARIS, Feb. 7.—Prince Napoleon has been appointed director of the Paris Exhibition.  
The Emperor's Address at the assembly of the Corps Legislatif will contain a final statement of the disposition of the Eastern and Mexican questions.  
**California.**  
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 9.—A telegram of this morning quotes Gold at 138; Legal Tenders, dull at 73, buying at 73 1/2.  
**LAST CHANCE.**—The entire stock of Bruno's fine clothing, hats, caps and gentlemen's furnishing goods, must be sold within two weeks. In order to give the citizens a chance to purchase, sovereigns will be accepted at \$5 and greenbacks at San Francisco current rates. Yates Street, opposite the Bank of British North America. \*

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**New Advertisements.**

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**New Advertisements.**  
**In Aid of the Female Infirmary.**  
**THE FOLLOWING COURSE OF LECTURES** and Music is proposed to be held in the Boy's Collegiate School, on the following Tuesday evenings: Jan 29th, Egypt and the Pyramids, by the Bishop of Columbia. Feb 5th, Musical Evening, Amateur Friends. Feb 12th, Visit to Salt Lake City, 1864. Rev J. Shephardson. Feb 19th, Catacombs of Rome, Venerable Archdeacon Gibson. Feb 26th, Musical Evening, Amateur Friends. Tickets for the Course (not transferable), Reserved seats, \$1.00; Unreserved Seats, \$2.00. Single Tickets: Reserved Seats, \$1.00; Unreserved Seats, 50 cents. Tickets to be had of Mrs Harris, Mr Dagnall, Mr Fawcett, and Hibben & Co. J.22 t

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